

Maine Comprehensive Assessment System and Smarter Balanced

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Important Connections

DOE Homepage:

www.maine.gov/doe/

DOE Assessment Page:

www.maine.gov/doe/assessment/

DOE Newsroom:

<http://mainedoenews.net/>

MeCAS Testing Dates

MEA Required

TEST NAME	TESTING DATES	TARGETED POPULATION
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MEA – English Language Proficiency (WIDA ACCESS for ELLs®)	12/1/2014 – 1/30/2015	English language learners K-12
MEA (Alternate) – English Language Proficiency (WIDA ACCESS for ELLs®)	12/1/2014 – 1/30/2015	English language learners K-12 with significant cognitive disabilities
MEA (Alternate) Science (PAAP)	12/1/2014 – 4/30/2015	Students with significant cognitive disabilities Grades 5, 8, 3 rd year HS
MEA – ELA/Literacy & Math (Smarter Balanced)	3/16/2015 – 5/29/2015	All students Grades 3-8 & 3 rd year HS
MEA (Alternate) ELA/Literacy & Math (NCSC)	3/30/2015 – 5/15/2015	Students with significant cognitive disabilities Grades 3-8, 3 rd year HS
MEA – Science	5/4/2015 – 5/22/2015	All students Grades 5, 8, 3 rd year HS

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MEA for ELA/Literacy + Math = Smarter Balanced

- Smarter Balanced is part of Maine's plan to prepare all students for success in college and careers.
- Smarter Balanced is more than just a year-end test. Teachers will have access to resources that help them check in on student progress throughout the year.
- Because the new assessments measure higher standards, the definition of grade-level performance will be higher than it was with former tests.

A Balanced Assessment System

**Online assessments
that measure progress
toward readiness for
college and careers**



Digital Library

Available Now

Formative assessment resources and practices that teachers can use as needed throughout the year



Interim Assessments

Available Beginning Winter 2014-15

Optional assessments that allow educators to check student progress and provide information to inform instruction during the year



Summative Assessments

Available Spring 2015

Year-end assessments for grades 3-8 and 11 with a computer adaptive test and performance tasks in math and English

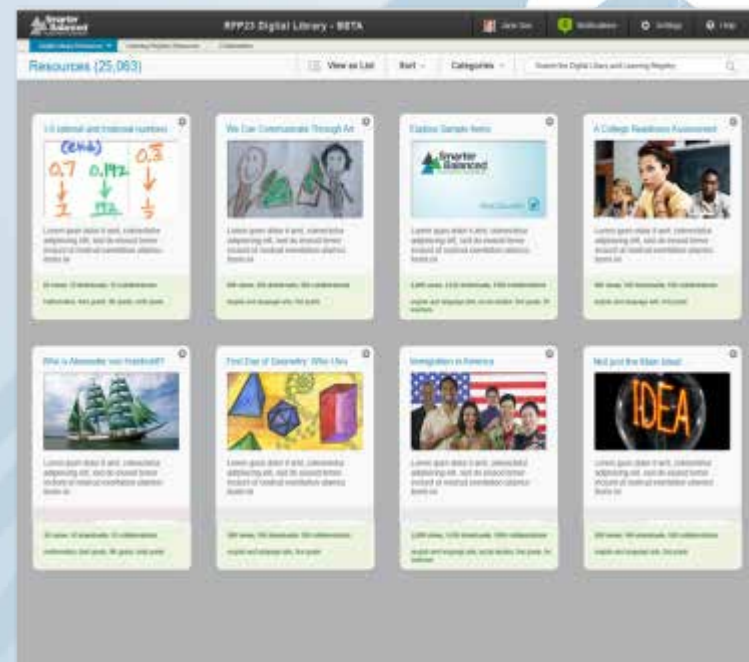
**Smarter Balanced gives educators information
and tools to improve teaching and learning**

Digital Library - Available Now in Maine

An online collection of over 2,000 vetted resources aligned to Maine Learning Results in math and ELA that will support K-12 teachers' use of the formative assessment process

- Assessment literacy modules
- Exemplar instructional modules
- Education resources submitted and vetted by teachers

Teachers can rate materials and share their expertise with educators across the country



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Digital Library

<https://www.smarterbalancedlibrary.org/> - single sign on login

- **Videos**

- Logging into the Digital Library and Browsing for Resources:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=howRkoMbNLo
- Collaboration:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=ZIDusa3gszw

- **Presentations**

- Getting Started in the Digital Library:
<http://www.smarterbalanced.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Getting-Started-in-the-Digital-Library.pptx>
- Finding Resources in the Digital Library:
<http://www.smarterbalanced.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Finding-Resources-in-the-Digital-Library.pptx>
- Navigating Resources in the Digital Library:
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Interim Assessments

Available In Maine Beginning January 2015

Optional assessments administered in grades 3-8 and high school

- At the high school level, the assessments are consistent with the grade 11 summative design and may be administered in grades 9, 10, 11 and/or 12.

Allow schools to **check in on student progress** and provide information to inform instruction.

Flexible Interim Administration Options

Interim Comprehensive Assessments (ICA – “Clones”)

- Expected to open 1/6/15
- Use the same design as the summative assessments, assess the same range of standards, and provide scores on the same scale.

Interim Assessment Blocks (IAB – “Blocks”)

- Expected to open 1/27/15
- Focus on smaller sets of related standards and provide more detailed information for instructional purposes.

Look for resource in smarterbalanced.org “Interim Assessments Structure and Understandings”

Summative Assessments

Testing Window 3/16 – 5/29

Year-end ELA/Literacy and Mathematics assessments administered in grades 3-8 and 3rd year High School

Students will complete a **computer adaptive test and performance task** in each subject area

Students will receive composite scores for each subject area and the following claim-level scores:

- English language arts: reading, writing, speaking/listening and research/inquiry;
- Math: concepts and procedures, problem solving, communicating reasoning and modeling/data analysis

Summative Assessments – Estimated Testing Time

Test Type	Grades	CAT	Perf. Task Only	Total	Class Activity	Total
English Language Arts/Literacy	3-5	1:30	2:00	3:30	:30	4:00
	6-8	1:30	2:00	3:30	:30	4:00
	11	2:00	2:00	4:00	:30	4:30
Mathematics	3-5	1:30	1:00	2:30	:30	3:00
	6-8	2:00	1:00	3:00	:30	3:30
	11	2:00	1:30	3:30	:30	4:00
COMBINED	3-5	3:00	3:00	6:00	1:00	7:00
	6-8	3:30	3:00	6:30	1:00	7:30
	11	4:00	3:30	7:30	1:00	8:30

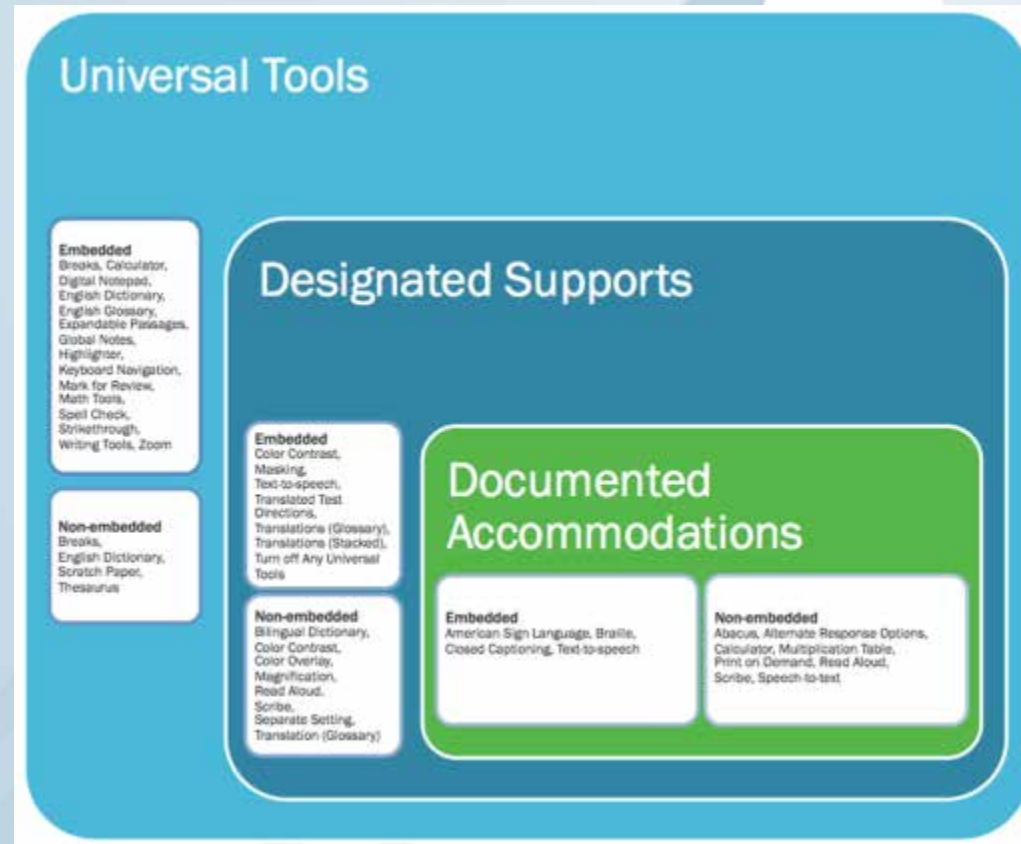
Times are estimates of test length for most students. Smarter Balanced assessments are designed as untimed tests; some students may need and should be afforded more time than shown in this table.

Accessibility and Accommodations

Designed for all students, including students with disabilities and English language learners

Three kinds of supports:

- Universal tools available to all
- Designated supports for those with identified need
- Accommodations for students with an IEP or 504 plan



Technology Requirements

- Designed to work with technology in schools today
- Schools do NOT need one-to-one devices
 - Illustrative example: A 600-student school can be supported by a single 30-computer lab
- Pencil-and-paper option available for those who need as an accommodation
- Learn more: <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/smarter-balanced-assessments/technology/>
- View approved test-taking devices and secure browsers: <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/test-taking-devices-approved-secure-browsers/>

More Technology Resources

Technology Strategy Framework

- http://www.smarterbalanced.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/Tech_Framework_Device_Requirements_11-1-13.pdf

Bandwidth Measure

- <http://www.schoolspeedtest.org/>
- <http://www.educationsuperhighway.org/>

School Technology Readiness Calculator

- <http://www3.cde.ca.gov/sbactechcalc/>

Beyond Technology Readiness

- <http://gtr.setda.org/chart/#!/maine/41>

Getting Started Now

Practice and Training Tests

- **Practice Tests**—Available since May 2013, the Smarter Balanced Practice Tests allow teachers, students, parents and the public to experience a full grade-level assessment.
- **Training Tests**—The training tests were designed to provide students and teachers with opportunities to quickly familiarize themselves with the software and navigational tools used on the Smarter Balanced Field Test.
- All information including announcements and news related to Smarter Balanced is available at <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/>. Home for Practice and Training Tests, Achievement Levels, Manuals, User Guides, Technology Requirements, Resources and the Usability/Accessibility/Accommodations Guidelines (found under tab for Resources & Events).

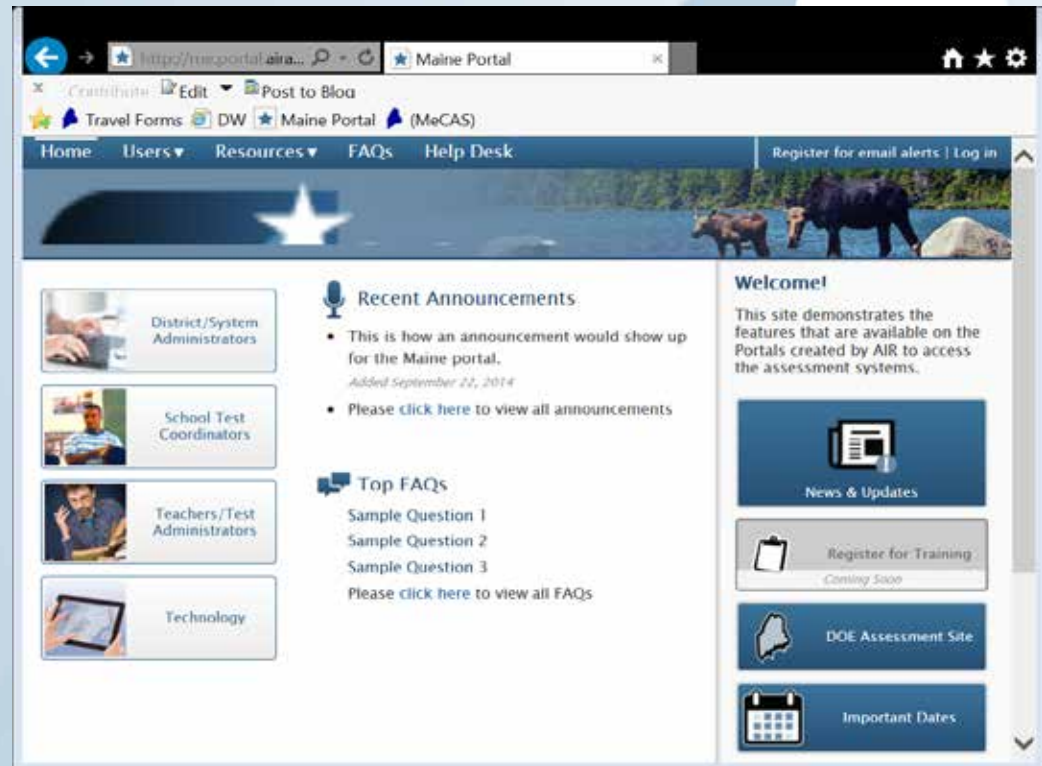
Practice/Training Test Sequence

- Go to: <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/>
- Click on tab for SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENTS dropdown - Practice and Training Tests
- Scroll down & click box Take the Practice and Training Tests (green letters)
- Click on Student Interface Practice and Training Tests (green box on right)
- Leave all sign-in boxes as “guest” - click [Sign In]
- Select a grade – click [YES]
- Select a test
- The “choose settings” are at a default – click [SELECT]
- “Is This Your Test?” page – scroll down and click [Yes, Start My Test]
- Test Instructions and Help – read if you want, otherwise just click [Begin Test Now]

Maine's Customized Portal

We expect to have Maine's customized portal operational and launched in the next few weeks for test administration.

<http://me.portal.airairst.org/>



User Roles

User Roles:

- District Test Coordinators
- School Test Coordinators
- Teacher/Test Administrators

Training and Materials

- Webinar & Tutorial topics such as:
 - User Role/District/Technology Coordinator
 - Test Administrator Training and Certification
 - Online Reporting System (ORS) Tutorial
 - Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE) Tutorial
 - Accessibility and Accommodations
 - Embedded Universal Tools and Online Features
 - Performance Task Overview
 - Student Interface
 - TA Interface
 - Technology Requirements
 - What is a CAT?

Upcoming Regional Trainings

Save the Dates

- 1/13/15 Presque Isle – UMPI
- 1/14/15 Bangor – Hilton Garden Inn
- 1/15/15 Augusta – The Governor Hill Mansion
- 1/16/15 Portland – The University of New England

Register on the Maine Smarter Balanced Portal (soon) at
<http://me.portal.airast.org/>

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